INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

FROM Mr. Banks
TO Dr. Patterson
RE: Haines, Alaska

DATE March 8th, 1921.

Herewith you will find three letters from Dr. Condit dated February 17th concerning the Haines and Sitka properties in Alaska, and a fourth letter dated February 17th concerning the Haines property, together with the two forms of lease which Dr. Condit has had prepared for approval as mentioned therein, and finally a blue print of the plat of the Presbyterian Mission at Haines, Alaska, showing subdivisions as surveyed, to which blue print reference is made in one of Dr. Condit's letters.

W. B. STOUT
ATTORNEY AT LAW
HAINES, - ALASKA

PLEASE RETURN TO
JAMES H. CONDIT
JUNEAU, ALASKA.

Hines Alaska,April,30,1921.

James H.Condit D.D.
Juneau Alaska,

My dear Docter Condit :-

In reply to your favor of the 19th,Inst, in relation to the handling of the Mission property not in use by the mission people;will say,thatwhen I wrote you,I thought the Mission people wanted to sell all of theur holding here,unless it would be the Church and Hospital buildings and and a part of the Mission land on which they are situated,but from your letter,I am led to think thatthey do not want to sell any of the land which is in use at t the present time,which would include all abf the land cleared and under cultivatie,including the part surveyed into lots and Blocks,AmI right?

If I am right,what price or about what price would be placed on the land west of that cleared and under cultivation?that is per acre.

My Idea,was,and is, to either form a company,or get some individual to finance the the pruchase,and I feel sure that I can succeed,if the price is not too high,as I have talked the matter over with some men here;and while it would suit better to take in the whole of the property,except that which is occupied by the church and hospital buildings,still I believe it is possible to make a trade on the other part;say ten ~~xxxxx~~ twenty or thirty acres immeditely west of t the land under cultivation .

As yet,we have heard nothing from our offer for the lot west of the church,for a masonic Club building,and we are quite anxious to know about that,as we can do nothing towards the buiding,until we have a plce to put it.

With kind personal and fraternal regards,
I am sincerely yours,

W.B.Stout.

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON
JAMES H. CONDIT
STATED CLERK

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

5/19/21.

HEADQUARTERS
NO. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Re Hoonah, Alaska.

May 4,1921

Mr. W.R.Patterson,
156 5th Avenue, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Patterson:

In the consideration of this letter will you please refer to the following:-my letter to Mr. Banks of Nov. 10,1920; letter of Mr. Banks in reply under date December 6,1920; my reply of January 19,1921.

"Re Hoonah"

The specific matter involved is a lease to a native of Hoonah executed by Rev. George J. Beck which was temporary in character and was sent in to Mr. Banks with the request that a permanent lease be executed by the Board and sent to Mr. Beck to take the place of the temporary lease. To this reference is made in my letter of November 10th. This permanent lease has not been received by Mr. Beck and he writes to me to inquire when it will be forthcoming. Mr. Beck sent in the temporary lease in January of this year as appears in my letter to Mr. Banks of January 10th .

The larger question raised is as to whether these native leases should be prepared in detail,in your office in New York , or whether a blamk form shall be printed, or mimeographed, and the General Missionary authorized to issue the same for the Board, with names and description of particular lot filled in. Inasmuch as these leases are all for the same purpose, i.e., to encourage separation from the communal life of the villages and to provide lots for the same purpose on mission tracts, and since the rental is and is intended to be a merely nominal sum, it is best to dispense with the difficulties of communicatimg with the Board in each instance,with the attendant time necessary, and issue these leases on the field. However, I understand Mr. Banks' letter of December 6th to indicate otherwise. I have expressed my protest in my letter in reply, of January 19th. If the position of the Board remains as expressed in Mr. Banks' letter of December 6th will you kindly so notify me in order that I may instruct the missionaries on the fields to communicate directly with you,in the future, as to these leases. This item of business will come up from time to time as the old leases expire. It will also arise in connection with new leases desired. At the present time I understand that there are several natives at Hoonah who wish to lease lots. May I hear from you as soon as convenient as to this.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit.

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May 4,1921

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Mr. W. R. Patterson,
156 5th Avenue, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Patterson:

Under date April 19,1921, I wrote you regarding the disposal of such portion of our Haines Mission tract as is not needed in actual mission work and enclosed a letter from Mr. W.B.Stout, of that place, relative to the formation of a local company to take over the handling of the sale of said excess holdings. I also enclosed a copy of my reply to Mr. Stout.

In answer to my request for more definite information I have now a second letter from the same source and enclose the same with copy of my reply.

If it is the plan of the Board to dispose of such portion of this tract as is not needed for our work it would seem that the way is open for the consideration of a plan of sale. Mr. Stout is a reputable citizen of Haines and I believe him to be reliable and that he will carry out the terms of any contract he might make.

According to my present understanding it is likely that I will be absent during the summer on another trip to Point Barrow. If it is desired that I act for the Board in any business capacity, either at Haines or elsewhere, before leaving my office for the summer, I should have instructions at once. My own thought is that, if possible, some representative of your department, preferably yourself, should visit S.E.Alaska and personally investigate the property situation. I should like, however, that this be at a time when I might be able to go with such representative to the various involved properties in order that we might together consider questions involved. Questions involving the Boards holdings at Wrangel, Haines and Hoonah are unsettled and all ask for adjustment. I have been corresponding regarding these matters for a long time with very little progress toward final settlement.

In the mean time I would much appreciate some word from you to be used in my reply to Mr. Stout relative to his proposal.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

P.S. In consideration of above please refer to Mr. Banks' letter to me of December 1st,1920. In re Haines, Alaska
J.H.C.

Copy

May 4,1921

Judge W. B. Stout,

Haines, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Stout:

Your letter of April 30th is before me.

Before any definite agreement as to terms of sale can be taken up it is necessary that the Board act upon the general proposition of the sale of the Haines holdings not needed in actual mission work.

I am therefore today writing to the Financial Secretary of the Board asking for a definite position on this question.

Later on, also, will come up the question of how much the Board desires to retain, of its holdings.

In such matters, and at the distance we are from New York, any proposition of this kind is of necessity slow in its development. Just as soon as there is anything definite to communicate I will write you again.

I am also making inquiry as to the deed for the Masonic Lot for which request was made in February. It is my hope that there may be some definite word as to my recommendation of sale very soon and as soon as such is forthcoming I will communicate with you.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Conait

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5/17/21.

Re Haines, Alaska.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

May 4,1921

Mr. W.R.Patterson,
156 5th Avenue, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Patterson:

This has reference to my letter to Mr. Hanks,of February 17th, relative to the sale of a lot on mission ground at Haines to the Masonic Club of that place. With this letter I enclosed a copy of the written offer of the Club with list of the Trustees of the Club.

As you will note by reference to the above letter to Mr. Hanks I recommended that the sale be made and that a deed be prepared and sent to me to be delivered to the Masonic Club on payment of stipulated price.

To this date I have no reply. The Club writes asking what has been done and is anxious to get title to the lot so as to begin building operations. Inasmuch as in accord with much previous correspondence I understood that the Board was ready to dispose of lots at Haines I gave practical assurance that a deed would be forthcoming. The failure to receive the same is embarrassing. I trust that I may have early reply to my letter of February 17th.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

#2086 - HAINES, ALASKA May 5, 1921.

It was voted that Dr. Patterson correspond further with Dr. Condit concerning the offer of a club at Haines, Alaska, to buy a certain portion of property owned by the Board on that town. As the portion selected seems to be near the church and of possible future value in the growth of the church and town, it was though probable that it would not be wise to dispose of the piece of land at this time.

#2144 - June 14, 1921.

Dr. Patterson referred to a previous action of the Council (#2086) in the matter of the sale of a lot in Haines, Alaska, by which he was requested to correspond further with Dr. Condit as to the advisability of disposing of this piece of land. In accordance with Dr. Condit's reply, Dr. Patterson recommended that authority be given to him to proceed with the sale of Lot #8, Block #1, at Haines, Alaska, to the Masonic Club of that place, for the sum of $500. It was voted.

Copy

May 25,1921

Judge W.B.Stout,

Haines, Alaska.

My dear Judge:

Referring farther to the recommendation which I made to our New York Board that lot 8, of Block One, be sold to the Haines Masonic Club, I have to say that a recent letter from our Board raises the question of disposing of this lot. The point raised is that being so close to the church it might be needed at some future time for mission purposes.

By this mail I am writing to the Financial Secretary of our Board, Dr. W.R.Patterson, 156 5th Avenue, New York, assuring him that in my judgement the lot will not be needed for mission work at any future time and again recommending that a deed be issued for the same.

Inasmuch as I am leaving next month,to be gone all summer in the far north, I am also askihg our Financial Secretary to correspond with you directly regarding this matter. Will you also please address Dr. Patterson directly in regard to this matter and also as to the other suggestion regarding the forming of a company to take over the property not needed in mission operations and dispose of the same for the Board.

I regret exceedingly the delay in securing title to the lot but it has been in the face of my definite recommendation. As already stated I am in hopes that the Board will see its way wlear to issue the deed soon.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Condit

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JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

May 25,1921

Dr. W.R.Patterson,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

My dear Dr. Patterson:

Your letter of May 11th relative to the sale of Lot 8, Block 1, of our Haines proprty to the Masonic Club of that place, is before me.

In my letter of February 17, to Mr. Banks, I recommended that this sale be made. In order to be sure of the facts I made a special trip to Haines to investigate the situation. My judgement now is the same that it was then,that this lot will not be needed at any time for our mission work. I would again recommend that this sale be made.

As represented in my letter of May 4th the Haines Masonic Club has been waiting since last February for a decision on the part of the Board as to this sale. At that time I led the Club to believe that the lot could be had. It was my understanding that the Board had definitely determined to dispose of the lots adjacent to the main town. Also, the Board had agreed to sell a lot in another location to the Club,but because of some difficulties in connection with a drain had indicated its unwillingness to give title to that particular lot. It is somewhat embarrassing to now find that the whole question of disposing of this lot is undecided.

Since I will be leaving in a few weeks for Point Barrow and so will not be in a position to farther carry on this business I am writing, as by enclosed copy, to Mr. W.B.Stout, Haines, Alaska, suggesting that he correspond directly with you in the future as to this matter and also in regard to any other matters pertaining to the Haines property. I would suggest that the decision of the Finance Committee in regard to the sale of this lot be communicated directly to Mr. Stout who is one of the trustees of the Masonic Club. In case it is decided to give the Club a deed the same should be sent to Mr. Stout who will see that remittance of the stipulated price, $500, ~~be~~ is made to you.

It is impossible for me to answer definitely your question as to the probable value of the Board's holdings at Haines. The lots in Block One are worth in the neighborhood of $500 apiece. The other lots are not worth so much. I have no idea what the land under cultivation is worth nor of the leased sections and the uncultivated land.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

WAR DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE
JUNEAU, ALASKA

PLEASE RETURN TO
JAMES H. CONDIT
JUNEAU, ALASKA.

June 11, 1921

Dr. James H. Condit, President
Board of Presbyterian Home Missions
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

We have an application from the Masonic Club of Haines, Alaska, for permission to erect a club building and boat house, at a point 310 feet south of U. S. Land Marker No. 573, Haines, on the east side of Government road and extending for a distance of 100 feet in a southerly direction parallel with eastern boundary of said Government road, having a frontage of 100 feet. As from blue prints furnished with application it appears that this location would front on your property, this letter is written to give you an opportunity to file with this office any complaint, or objection, that you might see fit to make against the issuance of the permit requested.

Your attention is called to the fact that the permit, if issued, would in no way involve any property right or title, but merely expresses the assent of the Federal Government so far as concerns the public rights of navigation.

Any protests should be received in this office not later than ten days from the date hereof.

Respectfully,

John C. Gotwals

John C. Gotwals
Major, Corps of Engrs.,
Acting District Engr.

JCG/GHS

R. E. ROBERTSON
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

200 SEWARD BUILDING
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Copy for Dr Patterson

June 13, 1921.

District Engineer,
United States Engineer Office,
War Department,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the letter of your Major John C. Gotwals, Corps of Engineers, Acting District Engineer, under date of the 11th instant, addressed to Dr. James H. Condit:

On behalf of the Board of Presbyterian Home Missions, and at the request of Dr. Condit, of the Board of Presbyterian Home Missions, who has today had a conversation with Major Gotwals concerning this matter, I beg to submit the following objections to the granting of the application of the Masonic Club of Haines, Alaska for permission to erect a club building and boat house, at a point 310 feet south of U. S. Land Marker No. 573, Haines, Alaska, on the east side of the Government road and extending for a distance of 100 feet in a southerly direction parallel with the eastern boundary of said Government road, towit:

1. The Board is the owner in fee simple, by patent from the United States Government, of the tract of land known as the Presbyterian Mission site abutting on the waters of Lynn Canal and extending on the south from the Fort William H. Seward Reserve to the main street of the town of Haines on the north, and as such has a right of ingress and egress to, from and across every part of the water front abutting upon its said tract.

2. The Board has maintained this property for many years and the most valuable part of the tract is probably at the northeast corner thereof, on which is located its manse and also a hospital structure. The grounds of these two buildings extend approximately 450 feet southerly from U. S. L. M. #573, and structures in front of them on the tide lands would not only detract from their value, both from an intrinsic and extrinsic views, but this water front is the logical point at which the Board, should it so desire, would naturally wish to construct a wharf to its property.

#3. District Engineer. 6/13/21

3. There is no shortage of building sites in Haines and no real necessity for the occupation of the Board's water front by third parties.

4. The erection of one such structure naturally holds out an inducement for the erection of others, with the possibility in time of structures being erected along the water front and eventually used for purposes that are neither beneficial nor legimate.

The Board does not wish to seriously object to the erection of a structure of a legitimate organization such as is the Masonic Club. However, the Board believes that the Masonic Club should obtain permission from it before erecting any structure on any part of the tideland, and it earnestly objects to the erection of any structures at any point on the tideland in front of its tract, along that portion thereof extending a distance of 450.08 feet in a southerly or southeasterly direction from U. S. L. M. #573 along the mean high tide line toward Fort Seward.

In connection with this objection, the Board desires to state that it has had considerable experience with squatters along its water front, as at one time there were a number of squatters there, and it was only after considerable effort that they were removed; hence, the Board naturally dislikes to return to such a condition, and prefers that no structures be permitted in front of its upland property, believing that in a small village such as Haines, there is no such exigency as would require the erection of these structures at that particular spot.

Respectfully submitted,

RER/MK

June 17, 1921

Rev. James H. Condit, D. D.,
Hotel Frye,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Dr. Condit:

Following the receipt of your letters, I have taken up the matter of native leases and the Board yesterday at its regular meeting authorized you to make said native leases and file the same in this office. I am now passing the form of lease on to Mr. Carnochan, our counsel, for final approval and immediately upon return of this lease form will forward the same to you.

The Board at the same meeting approved the sale of Lot 8, Block 1, Haines, Alaska, to the Masonic Club for the sum of $600.00 Steps will immediately be taken to pass this on to the proper authorities as per your letter.

Very sincerely yours

Financial Secretary.

WR. MEL.

June 17, 1921.

Rev. James M. Condit, D. D.,
Hotel Frye,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Condit:

Word reaches me that you are still in this country. I am therefore advising you of the action of the Board yesterday in approving the sale of Lot 6, Block 1, of our property at Haines, Alaska, to the Masonic Club of Haines for the sum of $[illegible].00.

I should be obliged if you would take steps to have deed executed and send to us for signature.

I am writing you as I believe it is wiser for you to advise the prospective purchaser than for me. I trust that I may have the check of the Masonic Club at the time the deed is returned for final signature. If that is not possible, please give me particulars.

I am writing you hastily, hoping to catch you in Seattle.

Very sincerely yours

Financial Secretary.

FR:[illegible].

June 17, 1921.

William E. Carnochan, Esq.,
52 William Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Carnochan:

At the meeting of the Board yesterday the form of lease for use of the natives at Moonah and Haines, Alaska, was referred to you for final approval.

These leases are in the amount of $1.00 per year and are granted to the natives for the purpose of offering them an incentive toward better living, the improvement of their homes and economic advance that comes from the ownership and development of a small tract of land.

I shall be glad to have your approval of this form and return it at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yors

Financial Secretary.

WR:INL.
Enc.

June 17, 1921.

Judge W. B. Stout,
Nainee, Alaska.

My dear Judge Stout:

Enclosed find carbon of a letter which I have just written to Dr. Condit, hoping to reach him before he leaves this country.

We have no representative to have the proper form of deed made out so I am requesting Dr. Condit to do it.

If perchance my letter should not reach him, perhaps you would be kind enough to send me the necessary papers in order that the transfer might be made.

Very sincerely yours

Financial Secretary.

WW:MWL.
Enc.

W. B. STOUT
ATTORNEY AT LAW
HAINES. - ALASKA

Haines Alaska, June 17, 1921.

Rev, J.H. Condit D.D.
Juneau Alaska.

Dear Doctor Condit :-

I am in receipt pf your favor of the 13th, Inst, and contents noted. The brothers all appreciate the fact that you did all you could to secure Lot eight, adjacent, or rather near the church building, for a site for our Masonic club building, and we also realize the position that you are in-in the matter.

We now have the building down to the waters edge, at the old Chilkoot Cannery site, ready to be placed on the Raft for shipment, and it had been so long sine we had made the offer to you for the lot, and the time so close at hand for brining the house to Haines, that we felt that we must provide a place for it.

Brother Stidham had quite a talk with Colonel Steese, and from that talk, has resilted the application for a revocable license to place the building on the beach. Of course, we may not ort the permit and if we do, we would have to move whenever we should be ordered to do so.

Speaking personally for myself alone, I would very much prefer to have a place up in the town, where we could get title to the lot.

If the board thinks the building on lot eight, is in too close proximity to the church, would they be willing to sell us, Lot nine or ten?

I am not instruted to ask this question, but am asking it of my own accord altogether. I am some what at a loss to figure out just who had brought anything to bear on the matter, counter to your recomend-dation to sell us lot eight.

With Kind personal regards,

I am fraternally yours,

W B Stout

W.B. Stout.

JUL 5 - 1921

C. G. DENTON
Minister
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Haines, Alaska

June 30th 1921.

Dr John Dixon D.D.

156 Fifth Ave. New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:

I am inclosing a lease in triplicate for a few acres of land that is lying idle at present at Haines and from which the Board should realize something. I am also inclosing the first payment. Will you please, if satisfactory to the board have same signed retaining one copy and returning to me the other two.

Mr McRae is a very reasonable sort of man and if for any reason the Board desired to use the ground of other purposes such arrangements can be made. The lease expires in less than a year and I am sure can be nullified sooner if need be.

Sincerely,

C. G. Denton.

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June 21,1921

Dr. W.R.Patterson,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

My dear Dr. Patterson:

Under date May 25,1921, I wrote you regarding the lot at Haines which the Masonic Club of that village wished to buy for their building and which I had assured them last February could be purchased from the Board. This lot is indicated on the blue print, in the Board's office, as Lot 8 of Block 1.

The Club has given up the hope of being able to buy this lot. Their building operations must be carried on in the summer and in addition they have purchased and moved to Haines a cottage from an abandoned cannery which is now on the barge near to the town.

I enclose a letter from Major John C. Gotwals, of the War Department, U.S.Engineers, whose headquarters are in Juneau, stating that the Masonic Club were asking permission to build upon the tide flats in front of our Haines property. The letter is self explanatory.

Since this would involve the occupancy of land subject to tide overflow directly in front of our manse and hospital property it did not seem to me that we should allow such occupancy to be had if it is possible to prevent it. Being without definite information as to rights of upland owners in tide flat frontage I consulted an attorney here, Mr. R.L.Robertson, and from him learn that no title can issue to tide flat lands as the same is held by the U.S.Government for the use of all the people and subject only to the issue of its relation to navigation. The upland owners have only the right of ingress and egress. The government is only concerned as to whether the occupancy of the land would interfere in any way with navigation. The government may, in response to request, certify that occupancy would not interfere with navigation, and if no showing can be made by the upland owners that said occupancy would interfere with ingress or egress, including the possibility of wharves, there is no way to prevent such occupancy.

It seemed to me desirable to prevent occupancy of at leat that portion of the beach land directly in front of the portion of our holdings indicated on the blue prints as "Hospital, Manse and lots 1-5 inclusive" since this is the section which the mission would wish to retain for its immediate use. In case wharves ever were built for the use of the mission they would be at this point. Also, even though wharves were not built this beach is necessary for the free landing of boats directly in front of the mission.

I therefore called on Major Gotwals and put the facts before him. He advised me to put the same in writing and submit it to him for use in replying to the request of the Club. I gathered that he would not give permission to use the land directly in front of the frontage indicated, viz, the 450 feet in front of our buildings.

In order to have the matter properly presented I instructed our attorney, Mr. Robertson, to prepare the letter for the Major and enclose a copy of the same.

At one time the beach line in front of the mission property was occupied, more or less, by undesirable squatters. These were ousted, by what process I have never been able to ascertain. To this date the beach has not been encumbered. I very much regret that there is now a possibility of at least that part of the tide land which is beyond the mission buildings, being occupied. If all the occupants were of the same desirable quality as the Masonic Club there could be no reasonable objection. But the probability is that this will not be the case. It would seem that occupancy can not be prevented excepting where the claim of nuisance can be established.

I must again express my regret that the Board did not see fit to follow my recommendation as to the sale of the lot which the Club asked for since such sale would have prevented this latter complication. The Club had approached me before with the proposition to build on the tide lands and I had used such powers of argument as I possess to persuade them that the lot up town would be much more desirable. The members of the Club naturally feel some resentment that they have not been permitted to acquire the lot which I had promised them and title to which they have been so long waiting. In looking over correspondence had with Mr. Banks regarding the sale of a lot to the Masonic Club I find that the Board authorized the sale of a lot immediately south of the school house to the Club; that this lot was withdrawn from sale because a drain ran through it which the Council feared might be interfered with by such occupancy; and that the Executive Council suggested that another lot be sold to the Club. This I gather from the following as in Mr. Banks' letter to me of November 6,1920:-

> "The question which you have presented for the first time concerning the open drain which runs through the lot which it is proposed to convey to the Club, opens up an entirely different situation and the Executive Council has asked if another lot other than the one through which this drain must pass could be sold so as to avoid any possible embarrassments in the future"
>
> "I,therefore, request that when you reach final conclusions and the sale is ready for consummation that the matter of executing the deed of transfer be left with this office"

To the best of my ability I carried out these instructions. I am now placed in the undesirable situation of making a promise which I have not fulfilled.

Mr. Robertson's bill for services rendered as above is enclosed. I wo would suggest that a check be sent directly to him, in payment, since I am soon to be absent from Juneau.

Very sincerely yours,

James A. Condit

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

June 23,1921

Dr. William R. Patterson,
Financial Secretary Board of Home Missions,
156 5th Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Patterson:

I herewith enclose a letter just received from Judge W.B.Stout, Haines, Alaska, bearing upon the question of the purchase of a lot at Haines for the use of the Masonic Club of that place.

Enclosed please find a copy of my reply to the Judge in which I refer the matter to you for reply and adjustment.

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

Copy

June 23,1921

Judge W.B.Stout,
Haines,
Alaska.

Dear judge:

Your letter of the 17th inst. is before me.

Inasmuch as I am leaving early in the morning to be gone all summer in the far north I am submitting your letter to the financial Secretary of our Board, in New York, Dr. W.R.Patterson, for reply.

I ve y much regret that my promise to the Club is unfulfilled and that my recommendation for the sale of Lot 8 has not been acted upon by the Board. As I before wrote you I am still in hopes that the Board may see its way clear to sell the desired lot, or, perhaps, the lot which you suggest, to the Club.

Enclosed please find a copy of my letter to Dr. Patterson.

Sincerely yours,

James N. Gamble

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON
JAMES H. CONDIT
STATED CLERK

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS
NO 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Hotel Frye,
Seattle, Washington,
June 29th, 1921.

Dr. William R. Patterson,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Doctor Patterson:--

Your letter of the 17th in re action of Board of June 16th authorizing sale of Lot 8, Block 7, at Haines to the Masonic Club of that place, is at hand.

I enclose copy of a letter just written to Judge W. B. Stout of Haines, which is self-explanatory. Should Judge Stout indicate the desire of the Club to examine the deed before making payment, I am suggesting that the latter be sent to our missionary there, Rev. Claude G. Denton, for delivery and collection.

I also have your communication of the 17th regarding the issuing of leases to natives notifying me that a form is being prepared and will be forwarded to me when approved, and that I am authorized to execute such leases, the same to be filed in your office.

I expect to be here until the 7th of July.

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

Copy
Dr Patterson

Hotel Frye,
Seattle, Wash.,
June 29th, 1921.

Judge W. B. Stout,
Haines, Alaska.

My dear Judge:—

You doubtless have word from our Financial Secretary, Dr. N. R. Patterson, 156 Fifth Ave., New York, as to the Board's action in authorizing the sale of Lot 3, Block 1, of the Haines property to the Masonic Club.

Should it still be the desire of the Club to purchase this lot, I would suggest that you make out the deed form and submit it to Dr. Paterson for signature, together with check in payment.

If the Club would prefer to withhold payment until receipt of deed will you so state to Dr. Patterson, and in that case I will ask him to send the deed to Mr. Denton for delivery and collection of payment.

I hope the Club will see its way clear to buy this lot for I am sure that it is for its best interest.

I leave here for Barrow next week.

Cordially yours,

James A. Condit

W. B. STOUT
ATTORNEY AT LAW
HAINES. · ALASKA

File

Haines Alaska July,13,1921.

Dr W.R.Patterson
Financial Secy,
Presbyterian Boad
Home Missions
New York City N.Y.

Dear Dr,Patterson :-

Your favor of June,17,is duly at hand and contents noted,and in reply,I regret to say,that on account of the Board of Missions being so long in making up its mind in regard to the sale of Lot,Eight in Block One of the Mission property to the Haines Masonic Club, and the Club having their building ready to move to its location,and no place secured,have been making arrangments with the Government for a permit,to put the building on the beach.beteen the Mission property and deep water in Lynn Canal.

I am very sorry,but it seemd like that was the only thing to do under the circumstances,and while I am a member of the Club,I would much rather have secured the lot to which we could have had a title.

Dr,J.H.Condit,at a meeting of the Club,told the club,that he would recommend the sale of the lot at the price of five hundred dollars, which he considered a goog fair price,and it certainly was,but things are as they are,and I can not help it.I feel sure that Brother Condit did just as he said he would.

It may be,that in the near future,we may be able to purchase from the Board,either Lot Eight,Nine,Or ten,in the same block.

Should the Board desire to sell,I will do what I can to further the trade along.I will be glad to hear from you and do anything that I can,in the way of disposing of the Mission property.I took this matter up with Brother Condit, and he informed me that he had referred you to me,in case you want to dispose of all of the mission property, not needed for Missionary purposes,and I believe that I can handle that matter here,in case the price is not too high.

Very sincerely yours,

W B Stout

July 1[illegible], 1921.

Dr. Patterson
Miss Smith
Haines, Alaska.

Attached hereto find money order for $25.00, first payment upon a lease of property at Haines, Alaska, by Mr. McRae, said lease being in the amount of $200.00 for certain property described by a lease on file under Haines, Alaska.

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July 13, 1931.

HAINES, ALASKA.

Rev. C. G. Denton,
Haines, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Denton:

Enclosed herewith find two copies of the lease sent in by you for property at Haines, Alaska. I have signed these leases and accept the check for the reason that we may modify the terms as you suggest without difficulty.

Before delivering the lease, however, to the lessee, it it covers Lot 8, Block 1, which the Masonic Club is thinking of purchasing, please insert stipulation to the effect that if this land is purchased this will at once be released to the club.

In short, I am willing to make this lease providing it will not interfere with the sale of the above lot to the Masonic Club as I am committed to that. Therefore, before delivering this lease if this property is in this area, please insert a clause to the effect that this lot is exempt if required, then kindly advise me.

Very sincerely yours

Financial Secretary.

WRP:MBL.

July 18, 1921.

HAINES, ALASKA.

Rev. James M Condit, D. D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit:

Enclosed find carbon of a letter which I have just sent to Mr. Robertson as per your request.

Very sincerely yours

Financial Secretary.

JMP:AM.

Enc.

July 18, 1921.

H. . Robertson, Esq.,
Haines, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Robertson:

Enclosed find check for $8.00, covering legal services as per your bill of June 1 th, 19?1, submitted to Rev. James . Condit.

Th nk you very much for your attention to this matter.

Very sincerely yours

Financial Secretary.

MH.

Enc.

R. E. ROBERTSON
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

200 SEWARD BUILDING
JUNEAU, ALASKA

August 15, 1921.

Mr. Wm. Patterson,
Financial Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,
Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Patterson:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th instant enclosing check for $5.00 in payment of certain legal services rendered in June. There was some delay in your letter reaching me owing to the fact that it was addressed to me at Haines, instead of at Juneau.

Very truly yours,

R E Robertson

RER/MK

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

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Haines
Wrangell & Hoonah

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Dr. Patterson

Jan. 20, 1922.

Varian Banks, Treasurer,
156 - 5th. Ave., New York City.

Dear Mr. Banks:

Among other Alaskan problems I am trying to solve, is a plan to utilize our various valuable mission properties in Southeastern Alaska.

The most valuable of these are the properties at Wrangell, Haines, and Hoonah. I have written to the missionaries at these points, and also to Mr. Winterburger, and to Judge Thomas, of Wrangell; asking them for suggestions as to the best way to get these properties on the market and to dispose of parts of them so as to bring revenue to the Board and to the missions. The answers are not all in, but in the meantime I am writing to you for your opinion.

It is clear that the present policy of holding these properties solely in the power of the Board without anybody here having control of them or power to dispose of them is an unwise policy. The Wrangell property of seven and two thirds acres, is in the best residence part of Wrangell, and is an eye sore to the town, and a source of criticism and dissatisfaction to the people. When Wrangell was booming, from 1878 to 1902 or 1903, the property could have been sold for $20,000, leaving enough for our buildings, gardens, etc. This would have been sufficient to support the Mission for a long while, and provide it with suitable improvements. Now the clearing which I made forty years ago, and those made by others later, have all grown up to trees and brush, and the ground will have to be cleared over again. There are trees a foot and a half in diameter growing where the McFarland home stood.

Dr. Diven, the trustees of the Church, and the mayor of the City, agreed together that if our land outside the lots required for our improvements for present and future, were divided into town lots and placed on the market, they would realize from seven to ten thousand dollars. There is no probability of the Indians building on this property, even were it given to them freely. The only benefit they can derive from it will be the church and manse, and a possible parish house.

I am awaiting the formulated plan and draughts that I have asked from Dr. Diven and the trustees. Some such plan as the following will probably be recommended. That the Board make Judge William G. Thomas their attorney; that a deed be granted to the pastor and trustees of the church, with the General Missionary and the treasurer of the Presbytery, with instructions to sell, to the best advantage, the land not needed by the mission, a portion of the proceeds, say 25%, to be sent direct to the Board; another like portion to be used for the support of the pastor and the services at the church, and a larger portion, say 50%, be held for future improvements, repairs, etc.

This is just a suggestion, and doubtless changes will be made in the plan before it is completed. But it is clear that it would be very foolish to tie up the property indefinitely, and allow it to deteriorate and do no good, either for the Board or the Mission.

The situation at Haines is very different, but a somewhat similar plan should be followed there. I have received from Mr. Winterburger, a plan full of helpful suggestions, but am awaiting an answer to a letter which I sent to Mr. Denton some time ago, before even suggesting a way of disposing of that large property. This much is clear: That outside of a little plot not exceeding thirty or forty acres for the use of the mission and the natives who wish lots on it, the whole of the property ought to be placed on the market and sold. The disposition of the funds acquired is another question for consideration.

At Hoonah again, the conditions are different. I am awaiting the reply of Mr.Beck before making suggestions as to the disposal of that property. I am searching for the plan that will be most satisfactory to the Board and our missions, and will help to support our expensive work here.

I have not had time to examine the files of the office, as to what has been done heretofore, towards solving this problem, but would like to have your opinion before formulating my plan. The matter ought to be brought before the Presbytery at its spring meeting, as well as before your Executive Council.

Awaiting with interest your reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

S Hall Young

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON

Haines

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Jan. 24, 1922.

Varian Banks, Treasurer,
156-5th. Ave., New York.

Dear Mr. Banks:

I am sending you a quotation from a letter recently received from Mr. Winterburger concerning our land at Haines. I like Mr. Winterburger's plan, although I do not wish to fully indorse it until I have heard from Mr. Denton and others who are acquainted with the situation there.

"With reference to the tract at Haines, I would like to see the natives get the benefit of that tract, but I should not advise giving the land to them. They have shown no disposition to farm it, they will not improve the little they have. The most I would favor doing is to sell them small house lots for about $50. such as they now have on the mission grounds. The rest of the land, with the exception of from 25 to 40 acres I would dispose of in 40 or 60 acre tracts to white men. This might bring in more settlers, and take the criticism from those who are disposed to criticise the Mission for holding so much which it does not use. We will never farm it there, for while it might be done with profit if the right man was secured, you cannot get such a man. I should favor disposing of all save the tract next the bay, extending from the Main street where the first native house stands, straight thru the tract to the Post. Or even one half of that tract. Disposing of the rest at from $10.00 to $25.00 an acre would be within reason, and would net the Board enough to spend some money in improvement of what is left, and make some excellent grounds there.

It's worse than useless trying to give the native what he will not make use of in the hopes that he will do something. We have done much for him; some of it has been done wisely, some foolishly. He gets wages as the white man, he spends like a child. He will never come to responsibility until it is thrust on him. And he will do it then. That is my feeling with reference to the matter."

I have not yet received letters and plans I have requested from Wrangell and Hoonah. I hope that the action of the Board in regard to these plans will not be delayed very long. I would like to see some money flowing back to the Board and to its missions, from Alaska.

Very cordially,

S Hall Young

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Haines

C. G. DENTON
Minister
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Haines, Alaska

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Jan. 24th 1922.

Dr. John Dixon D.D.
156 Fifth Ave. New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:

As you know we have some tenants on the land which the board owns here at Haines. One of our tenants is a Mr McRae who rents a piece of ground for $200. a year. Mr McRae has been very slow in paying this rent this year but after some urging the other day he made final payment of $100.00 which was due Oct 1st but was not paid till Jan 19th 1922. This completes his payments on the lease for the year. The board has a copy of the lease and it should be marked paid. I have bought some fence posts and wire and am having some repair work done in keeping the place looking right. I am keeping on file a list of all expenditures and will furnish you or Dr Young a statement any time you desire.

Sincerely,

C. G. Denton.

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Feb. 4, 1922.

Varian Banks, Treasurer,
156-5th. Ave., New York.

Dear Mr. Banks:

I am enclosing a letter just received from Haines which is one of a number of offers, the others by word, that I have received for Haines property. I am sending you a copy of my reply.

I sent you some time ago a quotation from a letter received from Mr. Winterburger in regard to a plan for the disposing of the Haines property. Surely we must take some steps very soon towards putting this valuable property, now running to waste and deteriorating, on the market. A Mr. Wiley, who is manager of a large mining property in Rainy Hallow up the Chilkat River, and who resides with his family at Haines, is anxious to purchase a large part of the Haines property, especially the western part which we do not use at all. The white men in the vicinity and some of the natives are going upon that property freely and cutting the most valuable timber on it. There is no one to watch the property or bring them to an account. Mr. Denton does a little farming and less gardening and looks after the few lots occupied by the Indians on the property. But that is as much as he does, and he has no authority to do any more. He is no farmer as Mr. Winterburger was, and had one of the finest strawberry patches in the Territory from which Mr. Winterburger picked bushels of wonderful strawberries, plowed up.

I have consulted with Mr. Bruce and Mr. Waggoner as well as Mr. Winterburger, and with some others who are conversant with the property at Haines, and am ready to make the following suggestive plan. Let the Board put this property into the hands of the following Committee, giving them power to sell what parts of it are not needed for mission purposes, and to take steps necessary for the improvement of the rest: Committee:

Rev. S. Hall Young, General Missionary; Dr. George G. Bruce. Chairman, Home Mission Committee; Rev. David Waggoner, Stated Clerk; Rev. Emil L. Winterburger, of Skagway, and Rev. C. G. Denton of Haines. Let any three of this Committee form a quorum with power to act. Let any moneys received from the sale of the property be placed in the hands of the General Missionary, or in case of his absence, in the hands of Mr. Waggoner, the Stated Clerk.

As to the disposal of the funds received, I would make this tentative suggestion: That 25% be sent direct to the Board; That the remaining 75% be used by the trustees for the expenses of the mission including pastor's salary, new buildings and repair of old, improvement of ground, etc.

As to the natives now on the ground or those who wish to obtain lots, let them be given deeds for these lots on the payment of a small sum, say $50.00 for each lot.

I am acquainted with three or four good lawyers in Juneau who would, I think, undertake to draw what papers we need in the disposal of this and other properties without charging any fee, or at least not more than enough to pay for their stenography work. One of these, Mr. Faulkner, is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Northern Light Church, and you doubtless saw him when he visited your office in connection with the new church at Juneau. Another is Mr. Marshal, the Chief Prohibition Officer of the Territory, also a member of Mr. Bruce's church. A third is my friend, Judge James Wickersham, the best lawyer in the Territory, who will do anything I ask him to do in that line.

The trustees of the property might be empowered also to look after our property at Klukwan and to use part of the money obtained from the Haines Mission for the benefit of the Klukwan Mission.

Whatever action is taken should be taken very soon.

Very sincerely,

S Hall Young

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Encl.

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Juneau, Alaska-Feb. 7, 1922.

VARIAN BANKS
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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S. HALL YOUNG

Stop negotiati ns sale Alaska land until Board gives specific authority
(This notation by Mr. Banks.)

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Feb. 9, 1922

Mr. W. R. Patterson, P.H.D., Financial Secretary,
156-5th. Ave., New York City.

See letter of 2/4/22 to V Banks

Dear Dr. Patterson:

On February 6 I sent to Mr. Banks a telegram of which the following is a copy:

"Have prospective buyer Haines lands except that required mission purposes stop Will examine property with buyer, Denton and Winterbarger February twenty eighth stop. Wire committee Young, Bruce, Waggoner, Winterberger, Denton, power sell land stop Letter follows. Please wire one hundred dollars my expense money. No mail connections in time." S. Hall Young."

I have just received from you a cabled reply of which the following is an exact copy:

"POST NEWYORK NY FEB 8 1922

REV. S. HALL YOUNG D D

JUNEAU ALASKA

NO MONEY FOR EXPRESS STOP BEFORE PROCEEDING WRITE FULL STATEMENT OF PLAN AND POSSIBLE PURCHASERS STOP LEASEHOLDS MUST BE CONSIDERED STOP NO ACTION VALID WITHOUT APPROVAL FINANCE COMMITTEE WHICH MUST HAVE DETAILS

W R PATTERSON"

8 AM 9TH

The underscoring under the word, express, was in the telegram as I received it. I do not understand what you mean. Perhaps the word as you sent it, was expense. Even then I do not understand, because as you see in my telegram I said "Please wire $100 my expense money." I was not incurring any expense except my ordinary traveling expenses. Mr. Wiley, the prospective buyer, offered to send his gasboat up to Skagway and bring Mr. Winterberger down to help survey the ground and situation, and come to some definite agreement as to the price asked.

Of course the whole matter would have been submitted to the Board for its approval or refusal before a definite bargain was made.

I have already written to Mr. Banks a statement of this offer, but will repeat here. Mr. Wiley is the largest stock holder and the manager of the Rainy Hallow Mining Company in British Columbia, just across the Alaska line. Mr. Wiley himself has $150,000. invested in the Company. The mine is fifty-four miles from Haines up the Chilkat River. The road, which is a good one, traversable by automobile and trucks, runs through Klukwan. The Company is preparing to build a railroad from their mine to Haines. They wish a site for a wharf, warehouses, offices, stores, etc. The best is on the waterfront of our property, between the mission buildings and the Army Post.

The railroad would traverse what is now our mission property, from end to end clear across the neck of the Peninsula. They would get the piling necessary for the wharf, and the logs necessary for the buildings from the property. They would establish houses and cottages for their employees and the workmen along the railroad.

I have little idea about what would be the right sum to ask per acre for this tract of land now lying useless and fallow, but this trip was designed to enable us and the Board to come to some decision with Mr. Wiley.

Now a word about the history of that tract of land, and the policy so far pursued in regard to it. In 1879 with the chiefs of three Chilkat towns, I went to the Harbor and selected the mission site for a new native mission. In 1880 I visited it again and stepped off a tract of ground rudely estimated at 540 acres. Afterwards Mr. Willard, at the instance of the Board on my recommendation, had the tract surveyed. Various buildings were erected at different times. The last one being the present church put up by Mr. Patterson about 1905.

My plan, afterwards adopted by the Board, was to have a great mission farm on that tract, which I thought would do much towards placing the mission on a self-supporting basis. Some twenty or thirty acres was cleared at different times, the greater part of which has been let grow up again with brush. At present the most of this land is in very poor condition. Some of it has been rented to the citizens of Haines for pasture land and gardens.

In 1902 to '03, Mr. McIntosh, a layman, being in charge of the mission , I instituted suit against Thomas Marquam and other men who were jumping our property at Haines, which suit was tried at Skagway and was conducted to a successful issue. Most of the jumpers were ousted. There have been several minor suits since and the Board has spent a good deal of money for lawyers' fees and litigation about the land. Mr. Winterberger, who went to Haines in 1914 and continued there until three or four years ago, did the most successful farming of any of our missionaries, sending from time to time sums of money which he earned by selling the products of his little farm, to the Board. Mr. Denton has let even the beautiful garden planted by Mr. Winterburger fall into disuse and grow up to brambles.

From time to time there have been efforts made on the part of certain citizens of Haines and others to purchase tracts from our land. But such purchases have been either discouraged by the Board, or no action has been taken and the would-be purchasers have become discouraged. Last year the Masons, comprising the best citizens of Haines and of the Post, offered $500. for a lot along the road back of our mission buildings. They wished to erect a Masonic hall on it. Dr. Condit urged the acceptance of this offer, but to his surprise and to the disgust of the Masons, the Board turned the offer down. Or rather, as Dr. Condit's letter to Mr. Denton dated June 13, 1921, says, that Dr. Patterson, first raised the question as to whether it was desirable that this lot be sold, on the ground that it might be at some time needed in connection with the work of the mission, and although Dr. Condit wrote you that he was very sure this ground would not be needed in future missionary operations, the Board delayed so long in this matter that the Masons gave up the idea of the purchase. They were piqued at the action of the Board, or rather the Board's failure to act, and Major Gotwals, in command of the Post, being a Mason, rendered a questionable decision that the Masons would have a right to build on the tide flats in front of our property. They have done this, and although the building is not directly in front of our building, it spoils the appearance of our property and greatly depreciates its value. Their action is also opening the way for a row of buildings in front of our property. Thus the awkward delay of the Board cost us $500 which we might have had fora lot which is useless to us, and cost us probably several thousands of dollars in the depreciation of our property.

The Indians holding leases would be glad to pay a small sum in order to own their lots and they are not on the tract which Mr. Wiley desires to purchase.

We gave to the War Department in 1902, about one hundred and forty acres, leaving some four hundred acres in our present holdings. I am not entirely certain about the number of acres. Mr. Wiley desires to purchase all,except ten or fifteen acres which includes all the mission buildings and the cottages of the Indians.

Our past experience has shown the futility of trying to do any business with this tract without a committee having authority being here on the ground. The Committee I have suggested is certainly a good and responsible one. We are far better able to judge of the value of that property than any members of the Board. We would exercise the greatest care. I think that we could get at least $25.00 an acre for that tract, and probably more. The $10,000 which we would receive from this tract now deteriorating from year to year, would be a great help to our mission work here in Southeastern Alaska. The disposal of the funds could be fixed later.

On account of your telegram I am trying to get in touch with Mr. Wiley again, and see if he can defer our meeting at Haines to discuss the matter from February 28th to March 14th. Mr. Wiley is in somewhat of a hurry as he must soon go to the mines and decide upon his plans for the summer. He and his family are Presbyterians, and fine responsible people.

Please put this matter through quickly. Make it possible for somebody to take some action in regard to these mission properties.

Very cordially yours,

S Hall Young

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Haines, Alaska.
Feb. 21 1922.

Dr John Dixon, D.D.
156 Fifth Ave. New York.

Dear Dr Dixon:

I am writing you for the purpose of correcting some possible misconception that the board may have in regard to the Haines property and wish you would explain same to board when the matter comes up.

The following is an extract from a letter which Dr Young informs me he recently sent the board and which is erroneous in some of its statements. Dr Young is no way to blame as he has not been at Haines and only reports what has been told him by a third party. However I am on the ground and know wereof I speak. The following is an extract from Dr. Youngs letter to the board which I think needs some explanation from the board's representative on the field:

" I sent you some time ago a quotation from a letter received from Mr Winterberger in regard to a plan for the desposing of the Haines property. Surely we must take some steps very soon towards putting this valuable property now running to waste and deteriorating on the market. A Mr Wiley, who is manager of a large mining property in Rainy Hollow up the Chilcat River, and who resides with his family at Haines, is anxious to purchase a large part of the Haines property especially the western part which we do not use at all. The white men in the vicinity and some of the natives are going upon that propert freely and cutting the most valuable timber upon it. There is no one to watch the property or bring them to an account. Mr Denton does a little farming and gardening and looks after the few lots occupied by the Indians on the property. But that is as much as he does, and he has no authority to do any more."

Now as to my explanation as to the above:

1. (this valuable property now running to waste and deteriorating)--- The property is not deteriorating and running to waiste but is becoming more valuable every year. The womans Board thro Miss Jackson is planning this Spring on painting and fixing many of the fences and buildings. I am at the present time having posts hauled to fix any fences that need repair and am using the rent money for this year for that purpose and am giving my own services freely for this purpose.

2. Mr Wiley whom I know well is a very fine man and a very shrewd business man . He is very anxious to get his hands on the Haines property and I think for good reasons. If he will take over a large part of the Western end at a fair price it might be well to sell it to him but if as I suspect he wants for a small sum to get an option or controll of it,.it would be far better to let the board have the increse in value.

3. (The white men in the vicinity and some of the natives are going freely upon that property and cutting the most valuable timber upon it) I have carefully investigated this matter and gone over the property and and can say that not a stick of valuable timber has been cut on this property except what has been cut for the Mission. About a hundred cords of wood for Haines House and posts for the Mission with the exception of this no wood has been cut. I certainly would have reported the matter if I had known of any valuable timber being taken from this property.

4. (Dr Young says in this letter that he has received anumber of requests from people of the vicinity to purchase lots on Missier tract) I know of a half dozen persons in Haines who have lots for sale on very reasonable terms that are far better for business or residence than any on the mission tract and they are unable to find a buyer

Selling one or two lots on this tract in my judgement is poor policy. It might seriously affect the work of the mission. We dont want Haines House, the manse or any of this property in anybodys back yard. 3.(A Dr Wiley,*****is anxious to purchase***especially the western part which we do not use at all.) This western part has furnished all the fuel for Haines House this winter thus saving a considerable sum to the Presb. Church.

I should like to recommend to the board the following:

z(a) That the disposal of property interests at Haines be not turned over to a Presbyterial committee. This would only complicate matters.

(b) That only the General Missionary be considered the legal representative of the board and that he be empowered to act under the direction of the board.

(c) That there be no transfer of property at Haines until the board has read and passed on the written opinion of the boards local representative.

(d) That the boards local representative be authorized to look after, conserve and protect the boards property interests. (The town of Haines turns over practically all local tax money to me amounting to $7000. or $8000.00 per annum to be expended for schools and local improvements. Certainly the board can trust my judgement within reasonable limits in looking after this property.)

I trust that nothing in this letter will be construed as a criticism of Dr Young. He is one of the finest men who ever set foot in Alaska. He is an inspiration to every missionary in the territory and I esteem his friendship and judgement highly. He asked me for my opinion about the Haines property but I was delayed in answering untill after this letter was sent. Therefore I am hastening to write that there may be no misunderstanding about a matter in which I am vitally interested.

I should also like to recommend:

(e) That every worthy (there are some not worthy) native living on the mission ground be given a deed to their lot for a nominal sum. This has been considered by the board in a favorable way before and should be settled soon. I wish that the board would immediately give Dr Young and myself the authority to eject any tenants who are unworthy and to give to the others a deed to their lots.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Iverson.

HAINES Feb. 24, 1922.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Young:

I am just in receipt of your communications and will give the matter immediate attention with the Board of Church Erection.

Our letters crossed so that you have in hand by this time the suggestion of the council as to the handling of the land. I think you may say to the prospective purchaser that we are very favorable toward a sale of the land as per his desire if it is recommended by this committee. One matter you must think over is "Have we any debt to the Indians of this great territory that should be paid when we dispose of land which was formerly under their control?"

I hope to hear from you at a very early date and we will do everything in our power to aid you in straightening out this matter.

Very sincerely yours

Financial Secretary.

WRP:MEL.

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

March 22,1922.

W.R. Patterson, Ph.D.,
156-5th. Ave., New York.

Dear Dr. Patterson:

I made my trip up to Haines starting at eleven p.m. Monday, the thirteenth. It was a very rough trip. Lynn Canal is the stormiest part of the Archipelago. They have a saying here that all the winds in the world blow up Lynn Canal in the summer time and down it in the winter. All day Tuesday we jumped up and down, making but little progress in the face of a northerly gale. When we came opposite Haines Harbor, about eight in the evening, we found it impossible to land, and went on to Skagway, arriving there about nine thirty. The stovepipe was broken and the cook paralized with seasickness so that we had nothing to eat all day. I kept my berth, holding onto the sides of the berth to keep from being distributed about the cabin. However, I was not seasick and enjoyed a ten p.m. breakfast, dinner and supper together all the more for my fast. At eight a.m. Wednesday the fifteenth, we sailed south, Mr. Winterberger coming aboard on his way to Juneau to attend court, as he has been drawn on the jury. We had great difficulty in landing at Haines, but succeeded and found Mr. Wiley and Mr. Denton awaiting us on the dock. We had an hour and a half together, viewed the grounds and studied the chart. The results of our conference are these:

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Mr. R.W. Wiley, in behalf of the Rainy Hallow Mining Company, offers $35.00 an acre for about two hundred and sixty-two acres of total tract. The Presbyterian Home Mission Board reserves a portion of about three and one half acres on the northeast corner, including ground occupied by the mission building. It also makes a reservation in case of certain Indians occupying lots on Main Street. The Cemetary lot on the water-front is to be taken care of by Mr. Wiley and his Company.

This will bring to the Mission Board some $9,200. This, Mr. Wiley proposed to pay in two payments; One down, and the other before the expiration of a year. He will make an offer in due form in writing and send it to me before the end of a month from the time of our interview.

Deed

The proposition is that the Indians odcupying free leases on the mission grounds, so far as they have complied with the agreement, are to have deeds granted them by the Mission Board. While the other lots that have not been occupied by the natives, or where they have not kept their agreement, are to be vacated. The Company is to leave the Indians who have lots on the ground undisturbed. This will leave the mission in undisturbed possession of all the ground occupied by the mission buildings, and extended up the road to make a complete square. It will include the best of the cleared and cultivated ground.

Both Mr. Winterberger and Mr. Denton thought that this would be a good bargain to the Board, and I also agree that it is the best possible arrangement

that can be made about our property. The land, merely as farming land or timber land, has brought in next to nothing to the Board in all the years of its occupancy, and is likely to bring nothing. This $9,200. will be simply so much gained to the missions. The waterfront of the mission ground retained will be cleared and the three and a half acres will be of more market value if a railroad is run to the beach and a good wharf built with depot warehouses, etc., than our whole tract is today.

I wrote to Dr. Condit on the sixteenth, asking his opinion and assent to the proposition, but the Estebeth was held up by a blizzard and I have not been able to get an answer from him up to the present time. I have not been able to communicate with Diven, but will see him next week as I go down to Ketchikan. I expect the assent of these two other members of your committee.

When Wiley's proposition comes in definite form I shall send it to you with the plat of the ground and all specifications. I hope that the Board will give its prompt assent to the proposed sale.

As you know, there is no authorized attorney for the Board except Dr. Condit, who is Attorney-in-Fact . Judge Gunnison, who was acting as Attorney for the Board, died while holding that position and no other has been employed. Judge James Wickersham, who is recognized as the best lawyer in the Territory, is my warm personal friend, and has promised me that he will transact all necessary legal business for the Board, charging nothing except where he has to employ clerks to draw up papers, etc. He will do this for my sake. I request, therefore, that he be made the Attorney to transact our legal business in the Territory. I ought to be appointed as the Board's agent to sue and be sued, and to conduct the Board's business, in place of Dr. Condit, who has now no legal connection with the Board of Home Missions.

In regard to the disposal of these funds when received, Dr. Condit has expressed himself as in favor of sending all such funds direct to the Board, saying that there is an understanding that such funds shall accrue to the benefit of Alaskan missions. I am strongly in favor, as I wrote to Mr. Banks, of a committee here on the ground and composed, at least in part, of officers of the Presbytery; managing these funds under the direction of the Board for the good of Alaska missions. My proposition was in regard to the Haines property, that a committee composed of Dr. Bruce, Rev.'s Waggoner, Winterberger, Denton and myself, should transact business for that mission and apply the funds received in some such way as follows:

25% to go direct to the Board, and the remainder be used by the Committee for the support and improvement of the Haines and Klukwan missions. Since you have appointed the committee consisting of Dr.'s Condit, Diven and myself, we might handle the funds in the same way, only as you can readily see, it would be much more convenient to put this business in the hands of a committee such as I suggested, who are right here together and near to the grounds. If a committee of three is desired, I would recommend that Dr. Bruce, Mr. Denton and myself would be that committee.

To transact business concerning the Wrangell property Dr. Diven, Judge W.G. Thomas and myself should be the committee, with Judge Thomas the attorney. For the Haines property Rev. George J. Beck, Rev. David Waggoner, and myself should be the committee.

A letter dated March 17 from Dr. Diven contains the following:

"I'm sorry the mission lands have become so awkwardly situated. The reason I did not go ahead and have Havens paint and renovate the church, as he offered to do if we would promise him a piece of our land, was because I could not feel sure that we could consummate the deal. It seems to me that nothing dependable has been done. Maybe I was mistaken in that fear but it would seem not if one would judge by your letter. The church is still without paint and Havens will leave for the South before long - to stay. What then? Nobody knows. I positively WILL NOT assume nor presume in any way that involves my church in debt. It will be a rank shame if tourists come again and see the old church standing nude as a wayside born babe. Things are so dull that no large price could be asked and received. Judge Thomas would be the proper man to handle the selling and all the business. As soon as the preacher begins to hawk real estate he loses his standing as a minister. That would be especially true in Wrangell where the late occupant of this pulpit was a hawker of various things - so it seems. Pre-mil dope, real estate, law, etc. etc."

I might explain that Mr. Havens, who is a member of the Wrangell church, and a fine painter offered to give the church and the manse a coat of paint in consideration of a lot on the church ground. The Wrangell property ought to be put in hands of a local committee with power to survey it, divide it into lots, and sell those lots as occassion offered. It is thought that ultimately these lots reserving enough for mission purposes, could be disposed of for from seven to ten thousand dollars, according to the prosperity and progress of the town. It would be some years, however, before the last of these lots could be disposed of. But a committee on the ground would be necessary, who would have the power to consummate the sales immediately, when there was an opportunity to sell. Wrangell property has deteriorated. At one time this property could have been sold for $20,000. Now it is grown up to brush and trees, and has greatly depreciated in value. It is an eye-sore to the town and is doing our mission harm instead of good.

When Haines property was booming, from 1898 to 1902, the tract we are now offering would have brought more than $20,000. if it had been rightly handled.

The Territory of Alaska, as no doubt Governor Bone has told you, and as all wide awake Alaskans agree, has been kept back in poverty and idleness and its great wealth locked up because it has been handled at long distance with a multitude of bureaus concerned, and miles of red tape necessary in order to get anything concerning the Territory through Congress. Mining lands, farming lands, coal and oil lands, fishing propositions, etc. have been impossible of development because of this long distance handling. Our mission lands and enterprises have been locked up in the same way. Alaska is crying for real home rule - for the liberty of transacting its own business. Our missions are crying for the same. Not to break off from the Home Board or to do anything that would encroach on the rights of the Board. But the Presbytery and the missions are asking for the privilege of transacting their own business and consummating deals in such a way as to promote the progress of the missions while conserving the interests of the Church.

I hope you will not think that I am criticizing the Board.. We all acknowledge that the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions has done more for Alaska than for almost any other of its fields. We are only desirous of helping the Board to solve its Alaskan problems, to make it possible for the missions and the Board to take advantage of opportunities as they occur, and to make this new era upon which Alaska is entering, an era of spiritual and material progress in our Presbyterian missions.

Please write me immediately giving, if you can, the approval of the Board to the Haines deal when it is presented in proper form, and telling me how you want it handled. I believe that we can put this deal through quickly and satisfactorily if we have the power, and that it will be a good thing for our Haines Mission, and will be a beginning of progress.

Very cordially,

S Hall Young

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March 27, 1922.

W.R. Patterson, Ph. D.,
156-5th. Ave. New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Patterson:

I have just received from Dr. Condit a letter post marked March 22, as follows:

"Dear Dr. Young:

With reference to the proposition of sale of Haines tract to Wiley, I concur in the price offered and terms of adjustment generally, but with the belief that the Board is disposing of the land for less than it might have realized had it permitted of the sale of lots in the town of Haines, as once requested. Mr. Wiley is getting a good bargain and his company will profit very largely if the railroad scheme materializes. The money should be turned over to the Board's Treasury, for the benefit of Alaska missions as per an agreement to that effect adopted by the Board.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES H. CONDIT"

I have not had a chance to communicate with Dr. Diven, but expect to see him about three days hence, as I touch at Wrangell on my way to Ketchikan and Metlakatla. I have just heard indirectly that Dr. Diven will not be able to attend Presbytery on account of "Illness". Whether this illness is his own or somebody elses, I do not know.

I am quite certain that Dr. Diven will acquiesce in the decision of Dr. Condit and myself.

If you will cable me as soon as you arrive at a decision it will expedite matters. Telegraph me also whether you acquiesce in my recommendation that Judge James Wickersham be our attorney, and whether I will be empowered to go on and complete the transaction, in case we get the proposition in proper form.

I will have a proposition to make concerning the Wrangell property after I see and consult with Dr. Diven.

Cordially yours,

S Hall Young

Wrangell, March 31.
Have seen Diven and he concurs in sale of Haines property.
S Hall Young

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